# FIGHTER SQUADRON TWO HUNDRED THIRTEEN FPO, San Francisco 96601

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# FIGHTER SQUADRON TWO HUNDRED THIRTEEN HISTORY

### 1 JAN 1967 - 31 DEC 1967

Fighter Squadren TWO HUNDRED THIRTEEN, a compenent of Attack Carrier Air Wing ELEVEN, is homeported at NAS Miramar, California. Commander James Hill WILSON was the Commanding Officer from June of 1966 until relieved by Commander Gerald Hydo BARKALOW on 29 June 1967 during ceremonies held at the NAS Miramar Parade Grounds. Commander Forrest P. ANDERSON joined the squadron in July as the Executive Officer.

The squadron was assigned thirty-four efficers in flying status, three Maintenance Limited Duty Officers and one Air Intelligence Officer. The present manning level of 218 men is inadequate due to shortage of nen-rated men to fill the temporary additional duty billets such as messman and compartment clearers ashere and afleat.

An Administrative/Material inspection of the squadron was conducted by GOMFAIRMIRAMAR on 9 November 1967. Captain S. W. VEJTASA, Chief Inspector, complimented the squadron for earning an outstanding evaluation (75.35) and was particularly impressed by the personnel inspection. Vice Admiral SHINN, COMNAVAIRPAC, officially commended the squadron for their outstanding performance.

#### **OPERATIONS**

Fighter Squadron TWO HUNDRED THIRTEEN deployed as a member of Attack
Carrier Air Wing ELEVEN in USS KITTY HAWK (CVA-63) from San Diege, Califormia in November 1966. This deployment continued until June 1967 when
the squadron returned to NAS Miramar for a training cycle which terminated
in November 1967 with deployment in the USS KITTY HAWK (CVA-63) for a combat
cruise to Southeast Asia.

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The missions of Fighter Squadron TWO HUNDRED THIRTEEN during the 1966-67 cruise aboard the USS KITTY HAWK included: Earrier Combat Air Patrol (BARCAP), Target Combat Air Patrol (TARCAP), fighter escort for photographic reconnaissance aircraft (RA-5C), weather reconnaissance, armed reconnaissance, visual attack bombers, flak suppressors and condition Combat Air Patrol.

Fighter Squadron TWO HUNDRED THIRTEEN was assigned thirteen block 26 McDonnell F-4B Phantom II aircraft equipped with the AN/APX-76 and the AN/APR-27 in addition to the standard airborne missile control system. The standard F-4B aircraft configuration consisted of a 600 gallon centerline tank at all times. The aircraft was configured with one AIM-7E Sparrow III Air-to-Air Missile on stations 3, 4, 6, 7 and one AIM-9D sidewinder on stations 2 and 8 for all fighter missions. The strike configuration consisted of one AIM-7E Sparrow III on stations 3 and 7 and the proper MER or TER configuration to accommodate the conventional ordnance loading. On night strike missions, TERS were inboard and MERS were outboard enabling the aircraft to carry both flares and bombs.

Squadron combat operations on Yankee Station were generally of a cyclic nature with JCS ALPHA Target strikes becoming more frequent as the weather improved allowing visual bombing in late April and May. One aircraft and aircrew was lost on 4 February when IT D. E. THOMPSON, Pilot and IF A. P. COLLAMORE, RIO were making a night bombing run on a target illuminated by flares. No transmissions were heard from the crew after they began their bombing or during the search and rescue efforts that followed. The crew is listed as missing in action. (1)

(1) Status of Downed Naval Aviation Personnel Southeast Asia Operations (U)
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A brief summary of the more significant strikes involving Fighter Squadron TWO HUNDRED THIRTEEN is listed below:

20 January - VF-213 previded TARCAP for Multi-Carrier strikes against the Dong Phong Thuong Bridge Complex.

22 January - VF-213 provided TARCAP for Multi-Carrier strike on the Ninh Binh railroad yard.

4 February - Commander BARKALOW, Executive Officer, led seven squadron aircraft to the Thanh Hea "Unidentified Industry." Photo reconnaissance shewed 41 buildings destroyed.

10 March - VF-213 provided flak suppressors for Air Wing strike •n Hon Gay Thermal Power Plant (JCS ALPHA Target).

11 March - VF-213 provided TARCAP for an Air Wing strike on Bac Giang Thermal Power Plant (JCS ALPHA Target).

20 April - VF-213 provided flak suppressors for an Air Wing strike on Haiphong Thermal Power Plant West (JCS ALPHA Target).

24 April - Commander WILSON, Commanding Officer of VF-213, led Attack Carrier Air Wing ELEVEN on the first United States strike on the KEP airfield. The runway was interdicted; buildings and revetted areas were damaged. Further battle damage assessment was impossible due to dense lingering smoke.

25 April - Commander BARKALOW, Executive Officer of VF-213, led an element of Attack Carrier Air Wing ELEVEN to strike the Haiphong Cement Plant (JCS ALPHA Target).

26 April - Two VF-213 aircraft re-struck the Haiphong Petroleum, Oil and Lubricant storage area (JCS ALPHA Target).





26 April - Four VF-213 aircraft provided flak suppression for Attack Carrier Air Wing ELEVEN strike on the Haiphong Thermal Power Plant West (JCS ALPHA Target).

28 April - VF-213 provided flak suppression for an Air Wing strike on Dong Phong Thuong Bridge Complex.

10 May - VF-213 provided TARCAP and BARCAP for an Air Wing strike on Haiphong Thermal Power Plant West (JCS ALPHA Target).

18 May - VF-213 provided flak suppression for Air Wing strike on Than Hulleta Bridge.

19 May - VF-213 aircraft provided strike aircraft for Air Wing strike on Van Dien Army Supply Depot (JCS ALPHA Target).

20 May - VF-213 provided flak suppressors for Air Wing strike on Haiphong Thermal Power Plant West (JCS ALPHA Target).

21 May - Commander WILSON, Commanding Officer of VF-213, led Air Wing strike on Van Dien Vehicle Depot Complex (JCS ALPHA Target).

Combat Operations Summary for Calendar Year 1967 aboard the USS KITTY HAWK (CVA-63).

18 JAN - 14 FEB

FLIG	HT HOURS		
DAY	NICHT	SORTIES	ORDNANCE
409.3	101.8	318	250.05 TONS
		3 MAR - 29 MAR	
420.4	94.4	301	152.29 TONS
		12 APR - 28 APR	
321.0	79.5	235	163.06 TONS
	·	8 MAY - 22 MAY	
291.5	93.2	228	153.68 TONS
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#### Awards

Fighter Squadron TWO HUNDRED THIRTEEN was presented the Chief of Naval Operations Aviation Safety Award for the 1967 fiscal year in recognition of their outstanding safety record as a Pacific Fleet fighter squadron.

Members of the squadron compiled an impressive total of medals awarded for various acts of personal hereism and achievement during the depleyment to Southeast Asia. Among this number are the seven Vietnamese Air Gallantry Crosses presented to flight crewmembers by the Republic of South Vietnam in recognition of 150 combat missions flown in support of their government.

#### Training Cycle

Fighter Squadron TWO HUNDRED THIRTEEN deployed to NAAS Fallon, Nevada on 22 August to participate in an Air Wing conventional weapons delivery training exercise. The first week was devoted to the improvement of individual delivery technique on raked targets using practice bombs and rackets. The 30 degree dive releasing at 5000 feet was the most practiced delivery because of its applicability in Vietnam. The second week of the exercise was divided between coordinated strikes on simulated ALPHA Targets and close air support delivery techniques of the type used in Vietnam.

Mirror landing practice dominated the October flight schedule in preparation for a two week deployment of the Air Wing aboard the USS KITTY HAWK for a weapons training exercise. This deployment from 9-22 October was a very valuable "shake down cruise" re-aequainting everyone with the ship and its procedures.

The squadron deployed again aboard the USS KITTY HAWK from 25-30 October to participate in an Operational Readiness Exercise - Bell Buster (COMFIRST-FLT Strike Exercise No. 301A-67). Tactics and policies presently used in





North Vietnam were practiced in anticipation of our deployment to Yankee Station. The effectiveness of this and other training exercises was evidenced by the overall grade of 91 received by the squadron during the First Fleet Operational Readiness Inspection conducted from 24-30 November.

#### 1967-1968 Combat Cruise

The squadron began combat operations on 23 December 1967 in the Gulf of Tonkin flying missions into North Vietnam from Yankee Station. Squadron aircraft assets consisted of thirteen McDonnell F-4B Phantom II aircraft with the following bureau numbers: 152996, 153009, 153011, 153013, 153015, 153017, 153019, 153021, 153023, 153025, 153027, 153050, and 153068. These aircraft were modified and equipped with the following electronic countermeasures: AN/APR-25 (aircraft change 375), AN/APR-27 (aircraft change 333), AN/ALE-29 (aircraft change 333) and AN/ALQ-51 MOD II (aircraft change 333). The ten Block 26 aircraft retained the AN/APX-76 which had been installed in for evaluation in 1966. (3)

The squadrom missions remained the same as those of the 1966-1967 cruise with the addition of MIG Combat Air Patrol. This mission called for stationing fighter aircraft between the MIG threat and the strike element. The MIGCAP operated on a discrete frequency under the control of search and rescue/strike support ships to protect the strike group. The fighter aircraft proceed to their MIGCAP station as an independent section as opposed to the TARCAP procedure where the fighters fly into the target area in close proximity to the strike group on a common frequency.

<sup>42)</sup> Supplement to MATORS Flight Manual, MAVAIR 01-245FDB-7A, PP.8-71,

<sup>(3)</sup> Cruise Roport, USS KITTY HLUK (CVA-63) and Garrier Lir Wing BILLVEN, 5 November 1966 - 18 June 1967. P. J67



The MIGCAP procedure was briefed but not used in Calendar Year 1967.

MAINTENANCE

The Maintenance Department has done an impressive job keeping the aircraft and weapons systems functioning properly. Their efforts were deeply appreciated by the aircrews who experienced few mechanical failures over the past year.

No major maintenance problems have been encountered over the past year, although aircraft availability was a problem during the training cycle. During the extensive modification/rework period, we were forced to utilize many aircraft from an aircfaft pool. The condition of these aircraft was such that excessive maintenance man hours were generated without a consequent gain in aircraft availability for flight crew training.



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#### Definitions

- BARCAF Barrier Combat Air ratrol A section of F-4 aircraft
  assigned a station on a TACAH radial from a search and
  rescue surface unit which maintains radar surveilance of
  the section.
- Block 26 Aircraft All aircraft with serial numbers 152995 through 153029.
- Condition CAF An aircraft and aircrew positioned to launch day or night and intercept unknown or hostile aircraft.
- Flak Suppression Mission flown on most coordinated strikes in high density anti-aircraft artillery areas. The flight leaders timed weapons delivery to hit the assigned gun sights as strike aircraft were rolling in on the primary target.
- JCS Alpha Target Strategic military targets listed by the Joint Chiefs of Staff and first struck only upon the approval of the highest authority.
- MER Multiple Ejector Rack A bomb rack which has six stations.
- TARCAP Target Combat Air Patrol Mission normally flown by the F-AB on air wing Alpha Strikes when penetrating within a possible MIG threat area. The TARCAP would provide escort cover for the strike group enroute to the target, sweep the area toward the threat sector thon provide cover during the retirement phase.

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Brief Chronology of 1967

### January

- 1-5 Completion of line period which commenced on 4 December 1966.
- 6-14 In-port Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines.
- 18 Arrived on Yankee Station for second line period.

### February

- One aircraft lost on night coastal armed reconnaissance mission.

  The aircrew is listed as missing.
- Departed Gulf of Tonkin for in-port periods in Subic Bay,
  Republic of the Philippines and the British Crown Colony of
  Hong Kong.

#### March

3-29 Third line period on Yankee Station.

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- 1-10 In-port period Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines.
- 12 Fourth line period commenced on Yankee Station.
- 24 CDR J. H. WILSON, Commanding Officer of VF-213, led first U. S. strike on KEF Airfield in North Vietnem.
- Departed Gulf of Tonkin for in-port period at Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines.

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- 5 Fifth line period commenced on Yankee Station.
- 22 Departed Yankee Station for United States.

#### June

20 Squadron arrived at MAS Miramar, California.

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Commanding Officer



#### July.

20 Commander F. F. AMDERSON joined the squadron as Executive Officer.

#### August

Squadron deployed to MAS Fallon, Mevada for an all air wing conventional weapons delivery training exercise.

#### September

2 Squadron returned to MAS Miramar at completion of air wing training exercise.

#### October

- 9-22 Squadron deployed to the USS KITTY HAWK (CVA-63) with seven aircraft for Carrier Air Wing ELEVEN weapons training exercise.
- 25-30 Squadron embarked aboard the USS KITTY HAWK (CVA-63) to participate in Bell Buster, COMPERSTRIE Strike NO. 30 1A-67.

#### November

- 18 Squadron departed MAS Miramar, California and went aboard the USS KTFTY HAWK (CVA-63) for 1967-66 combat cruise.
- 25-28 First Fleet Operational Readiness Inspection team evaluated the squadron.

#### December

23 Combat Operations began for the squadron.





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## FLIGHT HOURS AND CARRIER LANDINGS PER MONTH

<u>DATE</u>	HOURS	CARRIEI DAY	R IANDINGS NIGHT
january	377.9	162	35
FEBRUARY	314.1	149	34
MARCH	576.9	248	66
APRIL	494.7	202	50
ΜΑΥ	400.1	171	68
JUNE	39.5	3	0
JULY	89.2	0	0
AUGUST	393.2	0	0
SEPTEMBER	331.2	6	0
OCTOBER	511.3	153	70
NOVEMBER	163.3	34	14
DECEMBER	334•9	143	19
TOTAL:	4,025.3	1,271	356

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III JG (b) (6)		6	3		

#### FIGHTER SQUADRON TWO HUNDRED THIRTEEN

#### COMMANDING OFFICER'S BIOGRAPHY

#### Commander Gerald H. BARKALOW

Commander BARKALOW entered the Naval Service in September 1944 as an Aviation Cadet in the V-5 program at Colgate University, Hamilton, New York. In July 1945, he transferred to the Pre-Flight School at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Shortly thereafter, World War II was terminated and he was released from active duty before receiving his wings. In September 1947, Commander BARKALOW enrolled at (b) (6)

Commander BARKALOW re-entered the U. S. Navy Flight Training program in March 1949, receiving his wings in October 1950. His first sea duty was with Fighter Squadron TWEMTY-THREE, deploying in the USS PRINCETON (CV-37) and the USS ESSEX (CVS-9), during the Korean conflict. His next duty assignment was with Air Development Squadron FOUR at the Naval Air Missile Test Center, Point Mugu, California. This duty was terminated in March 1954 upon his transfer to the Naval Proving Ground, Dahlgren, Virginia. During this tour he conducted flight tests of aircraft ordnance. Commander BARKALOW returned to sea as a member of ship's company aboard the USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN (CVS-39) from June 1957 until October 1959. His duties included Catapult and Arresting Gear Officer and Aircraft Handling Officer. He left the ship for Fighter Squadron ONE HUNDRED ONE at Key West, Florida, to transition to F-3H aircraft before reporting to Fighter Squadron THIRTY-ONE as Administrative Officer.

In August 1961, Commander BARKALOW reported to the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island, as a student in the Command and Staff course. The following year he entered the Naval Postgraduate School at Monterey, California receiving his Bachelor of Arts Degree in May 1964. Shortly thereafter he was assigned to the Staff of Commander Cruiser-Destroyer Flotilla NINE where he served as the Staff Anti-Air Warfare and CIC Officer in USS GALVESTON (CLG-3) and USS CHICAGO (CG-11) in Southeast Asia. He reported to Fighter Squadron ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-ONE in February 1965 for F4B transition training prior to joining Fighter Squadron TWO HUNDRED THIRTEEN as Executive Officer. He deployed with the squadron to Southeast Asia in USS KITTY HAWK (CVA-63) from November 1966 to June 1967 participating in combat oper tions against insurgent forces in Vietnam. He was awarded three Distinguished Flying Crosses, ten Air Medals and a Navy Commendation Medal for heroic service during this period. Following this tour as Executive Officer, Commander BARKALOW assumed command of the Black Lions on 29 June 1967 at NAS Miramor, California, and led the squadron through another combat deployment from November 1967 to June 1968. After being relieved of duties as Commanding Officer of Fighter Squadron TWO HUNDRED THIRTEEN, Commander BARKALOW will report to the Air War College, Montgomery, Alabama for the senior officers course.

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